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Applicant: K. Kasper et al.

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Title: MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES TO TACROLIMUS AND  
IMMUNOASSAY METHODS FOR TACROLIMUS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 20, 2001.

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**COMMUNICATION TO EXAMINER**

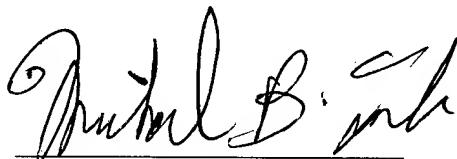
Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Gentlemen:

This is a Communication to the Examiner to clarify the status of this application. An Amendment and Response to Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a) ("Amendment and Response") was filed on August 7, 2001 in the above-identified application. This Amendment and Response included a declaration of Dr. Kenneth C. Kasper Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 ("Kasper Declaration"). However, through inadvertence, no Request for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) ("Request for Extension of Time") was filed with this Amendment and Response. The Office Action had been mailed on March 7, 2001, so the time for response had to be extended by two months, until August 7, 2001, by the filing of a two-month Request for Extension of Time.

Accordingly, to enable consideration of the Amendment and Response, the undersigned respectfully resubmits the Amendment and Response together with a three-month Request for Extension of Time to extend the period for response until September 7, 2001. A copy of the previously submitted Kasper Declaration is also included. Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment and Response, together with the Kasper Declaration, be considered fully and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a); Declaration of Dr. Kenneth C. Kasper Under 37 C.F.R. 1.132